

On The Go

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Commission Strategic Plan Meeting in March

The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs (ICLA) will hold a special meeting on Friday, March 26th, 2010 from 1:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to discuss details of the Commission's strategic plan.

The Division of Latino Affairs is legislatively mandated to promote and advocate for Iowa Latinos under Iowa Code Section 216A. 12.

For more information, please contact the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs at (515) 281-4080.



Chair's Corner

Having previously served on a Targeted Small Business advisory committee, I have had a sustained interest as a small business owner in economic development.

I invite you to visit our blog: www.GrowHenryCounty.com

It is continually updated with audio, video and textual content which is creatively engaged in a dialogue on innovation and entrepreneurial initiatives. Some content is focused on Iowa and its regions and some relates to our Tri-State area. Data shared is intended to support and encourage a dialogue, leading to vision and leadership at the grassroots of businesses and also among those charged with economic development management, collaboration and implementation.

And I believe you will enjoy the inspirational stories and discussions.

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Co-Chair

Latino Media

Iowa Division of Latino Affairs (IDLA) recently updated their statewide media contact list. To access the media contact list, click [here](#).

Please contact IDLA by calling 515-281-4080 or sending an email melissa.esquivel@iowa.gov, if other contacts should be added to this list.



Upcoming Events:

- Census 2010 Roundtable
Mar. 5, 10:30a.m. - noon
- National HIV Women and Girls Awareness Day Luncheon Mar. 6, 11a.m. - 1p.m.
- HOLA Legal Clinic Mar. 8, 5:30 - 7:30p.m.
- International Women's Day Haiti Benefit Mar. 8, 6 - 8p.m.
- Diabetes Conversation Maps Mar. 9, 7p.m.
- Conversation about Cancer in Latino Community Mar. 11, 11:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- LATCH Coalition Meeting Mar. 11, 2010, 1 - 2:30p.m.
- End of Life Communication and Collaboration Mar. 23, 11:30a.m. - 4p.m.
- Reentry Career & Community Resource Fair Mar. 24, 11a.m. - 4p.m.
- Greater Des Moines Partnership Multicultural Reception Mar. 25, 5:30 - 7p.m.

Educate Yourself:

- Visas Out of Hell: Women Need to Know They Exist
- Students Seek Bill of Rights for Deaf
- Deportation of Mothers in Iowa Tests Local Charity
- Latinos in Higher Education

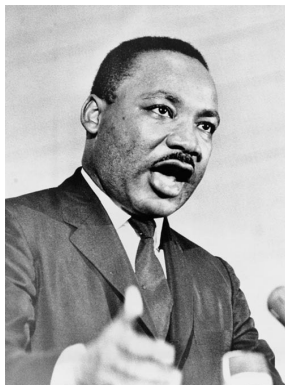
Consulate of Mexico in Des Moines



The Consulate of Mexico will be in Des Moines, Iowa on **Saturday, March 27th, 2010**. The purpose of this visit is to assist the Mexican community living in Des Moines and Iowa in obtaining their Mexican Passports and Consular ID. In addition, the consular representatives will educate about their services and activities.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-639-4835 at 8a.m. on March 22nd. Appointments are filled quickly.

MLK Compassion Drive Surpasses Expectations



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Compassion Drive, organized by AmeriCorps VISTA members, the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs, and the Iowa Status of Asian and Pacific Islanders, was a great success! The drive, which lasted from January 11th through February 8th, 2010, sought to collect clothing, toiletries, baby items, linens, and house wares on behalf of local organizations that serve impoverished refugees and immigrants in our community. Thanks to the generous donations of state employees and a few local contacts, 3,475 items were collected. Out of this number, many winter items were collected, including 120 coats, over 200 sweaters, and nearly 70 pairs of gloves.

The mission of the project was to honor Dr. King's commitment to serving the community by providing new Iowans with basic items to prepare for frigid Iowa winters and overcome the challenges of starting a new life.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to make this project honoring Dr. King a success! To view pics, click [here](#).

Latest Census 2010 Information

The 2010 Census is our chance to speak up for our family, our community and ourselves. It doesn't matter who you are, where you live or don't live or what your legal status is. **You have a right to be counted!**

- The U.S. Census DOES NOT ask questions about criminal records, immigration status, income or employment, or personal information like Social Security number, checking account number, or medical history.
- The Census forms are mailed out in mid-March and need to be returned by Census Day, April 1, 2010. If you are an immigrant with concerns about government officials visiting your home, complete and mail back the form by April 1, 2010.
- Our participation can drive more funding for our public schools, more support for homeless shelters, and money for better roads and public transportation.
- Only you and the people you live with can fill out the form for your household.
- If you are homeless, you can get a form from a homeless shelter or at many social service agencies. The U.S. Census Bureau is working with these organization to count everyone, whether or not you have a permanent address.

About the 'Hispanic origin' and 'Race' questions

- For the 2010 Census, 'Hispanic, Latino and Spanish' are considered ethnicities-not races. For the 'Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin' question, you can specify your nationality. For example: Mexican, Argentinean, Dominican etc.
- This year, the U.S. Census Bureau will count immigrant indigenous groups for the first time ever!
 - The Census recommends that indigenous immigrants from Latin America choose "American Indian or Alaska Native" as their race, then write in the name of their community. For example: Maya, Mixteco, Nahua or Purepecha.
- If you are African (for example, from Somalia, Liberia, Sudan or other countries), you may or may not self-identify as African-American or Black.
 - Check the box or boxes that you feel are closest to how you identify yourself. You can also enter your race

Documentary Film Iowa Premiere: In the Shadow of the Raid (2009)

When the US government stormed a Kosher meat plant in the American heartland, arresting nearly 400 undocumented workers, a Guatemalan village wept. The biggest immigration raid in US history severed an economic lifeline to one of the poorest corners of the Western Hemisphere while pushing an Iowa farm town to the brink of collapse. A panel discussion with the filmmakers Greg Brosnan and Jennifer Szymaszek and Postville community leaders follows the screening. A reception will also be held.

When: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Time: 7 - 8:30p.m.

Where: Rogalski Center Ballroom, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA 52806

Free and open to the public

For more information, contact Dr. Lisa Powell at (563) 333-6045 or PowellLisaD@sau.edu.

Watch the trailer for the documentary at <http://streetdogmedia.wordpress.com/>.



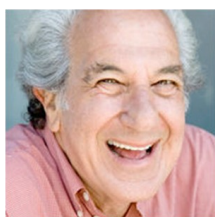
CDSMP / Tomando Master Training

Date: March 29 – April 2, 2010: English CDSMP

April 2 – 3, 2010: Tomando Spanish CDSMP

Time: 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

Place: Des Moines University 3200 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50312



The Chronic Disease Self Management Program (CDSMP) helps adults ages 55 and older manage the symptoms of chronic conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, stroke, asthma, lung disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and many others.

Benefits of becoming a Master Trainer:

- Train peer leaders
- Meet new people
- Give back to your community
- Make a difference in participant's lives!

For more information, visit www.iowaHealthyLinks.org, or call Kay Corriere at 515-725-3306 or Liza Sharp at 515-725-3342. **This is a first come first serve event as we are only accepting up to 6-8 participants! Deadline in March 12, 2010.**

- [Spanish Marketing poster](#)

- [Tomando Control Spanish Presentation](#)

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Iowa Division of Latino Affairs: On the Go newsletter is sent monthly with up-to-date information on the agency, activities and upcoming events to keep our constituents informed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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Classes Offered

- New Iowan Center in Des Moines (Free Classes in Spanish)
Each computer class will last 2 days and a new class will start every week. On Wednesdays we will teach the basics for getting on the internet, searching for jobs, and opening an email account. On Thursdays we will use Word to create a resume.
- HOLA Center
Interested in computer classes?
Classes will be March 10th to April 27 from 6 - 8p.m. at the HOLA Center. Call (515) 299-4652.
- Financial Classes at HOLA Center
Classes begin the April 1, 2010



Alianza Board Nominations

Alianza, the Latino Business Association in the Greater Des Moines area, is seeking board members and volunteers. Here is an exciting development opportunity available to you, your family and your friends. Get involved now!

As a board member, you will have a tremendous opportunity to help shape the future of these businesses in Iowa. As a volunteer, we are open to your ideas and would love to accommodate your busy schedule. Your skills are valuable to us.

ALIANZA Board – Descriptions of Positions: Describes expectations and duties of all board positions | [Download](#)

ALIANZA Board Nominations Application: Download this form to self-nominate and apply | [Download](#)

March for America

Plans are being made for a trip on March 21st to be a part of an historic March FOR America in Washington DC. Iowans will be joining thousands of other people from across the country at the Lincoln Memorial to tell Congress to fix our broken immigration system!

Deadline for reservations is **Friday, March 3rd at 5:00p.m.**

A meeting is set for Wednesday, March 3rd at 5:30pm at the **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) office** (4211 Grand Avenue, Des Moines) unless otherwise notified.

For more information contact [Erica Palmer](#) at 773-875-1493.

Scholarships / Internships

- KaiserEDU.org announces its Fourth Annual Student Essay Contest. Submit an original essay on the topic for a chance to win \$1,000. Application Deadline: March 8, 2010
- Capitol Project 2010 A 3-day annual event at the State Capitol for high school students in grades 9-12. Limited to 20 students. From Mar. 22 - 24. Application Deadline: March 12, 2010
- Florence Warnock Scholarship Students graduating from a Black Hawk County High School in 2010 are eligible to apply. Application Deadline: March 15, 2010
- Money Smart Kid Iowa Essay A 6th - 8th grade student will be named this year's Money Smart Kid, and will receive a \$1,000 College Savings Iowa account, funded jointly by the Iowa Bankers Association and the Iowa Credit Union League. Application Deadline: April 1, 2010
- Latino Heritage Festival Scholarship Any qualified Latino senior who is planning on attending a college or university can submit an application. Application Deadline: May 30, 2010
- Suze Orman Scholarships Six scholarships are available for minority women to hear Suze Orman at the Women's Leadership Luncheon in Iowa City on April 21. Women must live in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids Corridor. Application Deadline: April 1, 2010
- Helping Students Navigate the Path to College: What High Schools Can Do (IES Practice Guide)

Resources

- 2010 Iowa Property Tax Credit Claim
- The Iowa Initiative

Grant Opportunities

- NCMHD Innovative Faith-Based Approaches to Health Disparities Research - Deadline Mar. 17